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COUNTY ALUMNI SOCIETY FORMED

Graduates of University of Michigan Gathered Here on Wednesday.

LUNCHEON AT MAPLE CITY CLUB

Part of State Movement Inaugurated by University. Dr. N. A. Williams of Bangor President.

An Alumni association of the University of Michigan for Van Buren county was organized at the Maple City club rooms on Wednesday of this week.

This is a state-wide movement, inaugurated by the University to organize the alumni of the state by counties. There were 41 members present at this meeting, and the following officers were elected: pres., Dr. N. A. Williams, Bangor; vice pres., C. J. Monroe, South Haven; sec., Harold Lawrence, Decatur; treas., Geo. W. Merriman, Hartford. The next meeting of the association will be held the first Wednesday of June next year, the place of meeting to be selected later.

The visitors were given a cordial reception by the local graduates of the university. Glenn E. Warner had charge of local arrangements and he was ably assisted by Dr. O. E. Lanphear and others. A luncheon was served in the Maple City club rooms at 12 o'clock. The repast was spread by the ladies of the Baptist church, and they received many compliments or the excellence of the courses and the manner of serving. Music was rendered throughout the luncheon by the High School orchestra, assisted by Miss Van Buskirk and Claude Snow. Miss Van Buskirk also rendered several solos. The musical numbers were all of a high class and appreciated by the guests as well as hosts.

After the spread, Dr. W. H. Walker of South Haven, made appropriate remarks and introduced Prof. Arthur G. Hall of the U. of M. who explained the purpose and plans of this state movement.

After an hour or so of social intercourse, the visitors departed, all seemingly glad that they had journeyed to the county seat and participated in the organization of this society. The local members are entitled to much credit for the success of the day.

There are over 60 graduates of the U. of M. in Van Buren county, and more will be eligible each year. It is a splendid movement and the success of the Van Buren county association is now assured.

WHICH THEORY WAS CORRECT

Farmer Buys Corn Cheap. Price Goes Up. Is He Still Feeding Cheap Corn?

A certain farmer not far from this locality was driving into town not long since, and in passing a large farm devoted largely to the raising of hogs, he saw the proprietor standing near the gate and stopped for a few moments chat. The following conversation took place:

"I see you have a fine bunch of hogs," remarked farmer number 1.

"Yes, they are looking fairly well, but I am feeding them pretty heavy and will soon have them ready for market," said the owner of the place.

"Well," observed the other, "do you expect to make much out of them feeding them eighty-five cent corn?"

"Oh! I am not feeding them eighty-five cent corn," said the farmer, "I bought a crib full for fifty cents and am feeding them that."

"That don't make any difference," said the visitor, "corn is worth eighty-five cents, and if you feed corn at all you are feeding eighty-five cent corn."

"Well, I can see how you make that out," remarked the other, "when I only paid fifty cents for it. I consider it 50 cent corn, as that is just what it cost me."

The two farmers discussed the question at some length but were no nearer an agreement when they got through than they were at the beginning. One claimed that the cost of the corn determined its value and the other claimed that its value was fixed by the market price.

Which was right?

Special convocation of Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, May 20, for work in the Mark degree. Three candidates. Refreshments after work.

WORK COMMENCED ON NEW BUILDING

H. L. McNeil Plans Modern Office Building. Raise in Rent at Court House is Prohibitive

Workmen have commenced excavating for the foundation of the new McNeil office building in front of the court house. The building will be of the bungalow style, and when completed will be a credit to the owner and to the village. Mr. McNeil never does things by halves, and when it was announced that he would erect a new office building the citizens of Paw Paw knew that it would be a building of which Paw Paw might well feel proud. The present plans are the result of the action of the board of supervisors in raising the rent of the office room occupied by him since the court house was erected, to what Mr. McNeil considers a prohibitive figure.

AGED VETERAN IS VERY LOW

O. A. Rice Stricken with Paralysis and Lies in Critical Condition.

Orville A. Rice suffered a stroke of paralysis last Sunday morning and now lies in a critical condition, with little hopes for his recovery.

He had started down after a Sunday paper as was his custom, and was stricken when in front of the H. S. Sheldon residence, and fell to the sidewalk in a helpless condition. Neighbors carried him to his home and medical attendance was summoned. He has been rational a part of the time and has recognized many of his old comrades and friends who have called upon him. Most of the time he lies in a stupor, entirely oblivious to what is going on around him.

He is past 83 years of age, and has been unusually active for one of his years, always jovial and ready for a joke. Even as late as last Saturday he was down town in an unusually humorous mood, and remarked in the barber shop that he was still the best man in town. He is in a very critical condition however, and probably will not recover.

NEW PRINCIPAL IS FROM MASON SCHOOL

It is a matter of general regret that Principal Zell Donovan is not to remain in the Paw Paw schools the coming year. His work has given universal satisfaction and he is popular with students and patrons. While tendered the position at a substantial increase in salary, he has decided not to remain. It is understood that he is to take a position as superintendent of some school. Mr. Donovan's place in the schools will be filled by Prof. R. W. Mayer, master of science and principal of the Mason city schools. Mr. Mayer comes very highly recommended and will without question make good in the Paw Paw schools.

WAS INJURED BY EXPLOSION

J. E. Chandler, who was seriously burned about the face Friday evening, in an explosion of some wood alcohol, was able to be down town this morning with his head well protected. The flame burned the left side of his face from the nose to back of the ear, barely missing serious injury to his eye which seems to be unaffected. It was a decidedly close call from more serious harm for which Mr. Chandler and his friends are thankful.—Daily Tribune.

MRS. RUSSELL MENTOR.

Word comes just as we go to press, that Mrs. Russell Mentor, who underwent an operation at the U. of M. hospital in Ann Arbor last Friday, passed away Thursday. The operation was apparently successful, and patient convalescing. On Wednesday she was not so well, and Mr. Mentor was sent for. The remains were brought to Paw Paw Thursday night. The True Northerner is unable to get full particulars for this publication.

LIKES HIS SURROUNDINGS.

The True Northerner inadvertently omitted to mention in last week's issue the arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller. The young man arrived Sunday, May 5, weighed 7½ pounds and has been named William Merritt. The young man seems to be satisfied with his surroundings, his father and mother are joyful and Uncle Arthur is delighted.

TWO BIG DAYS PLANNED NEXT WEEK FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Two Minstrel Days with Big Parade at Noon. Special Music and Other Features. Big Bargains at the Stores. Cash Prize Drawing Tomorrow.

The "Big Day" planned for last Saturday was a decided success from a business standpoint, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The sale kept many away, nevertheless, the streets were crowded and all the merchants did a rushing business.

It cleared up in the afternoon and the Paw Paw high school band, of which we are all so proud, gave a delightful two hours' concert. The appearance of both popular and classic music elicited many compliments from the visitors, many of whom heard them this day for the first time.

Drawing for the special cash prizes, particulars of which were announced last week, will take place Saturday of this week on the Dyckman house corner at 3 p. m. Holders of cards must be present to be entitled to a prize. Every tenth ticket drawn from the box entitles the holder to a cash prize of \$1.00. Ten such prizes will be awarded Saturday. Next week there will be two big days, Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25 will be known as Minstrel Days. The high school will give a big minstrel performance in the opera house on both Friday and Saturday nights. At noon of both days a gorgeous street parade will take place in which the business places of Paw Paw will be represented with appropriate floats. Several bands will furnish music and special "stunts" are being planned to make the parade the most unique and novel ever witnessed.

The merchants have ordered special lines of goods for these big days and will have them on display at all the stores. Special low prices in every department will be in order.

Don't forget the big Minstrel Days. Two special days, both Friday and Saturday of next week. Arrange your work so you can come to Paw Paw both days. The parade will be worth going miles to see. Besides this will be other attractions, besides the special bargains at all the stores. Full programs of these events will be announced later.

WEDDING BELLS MAY BE RESULT

Popular Bachelor Making Improvements in Paw Paw Residence.

Joe Sherman is having his residence on East Main street remodelled. New windows and doors are being placed, and a general improvement all along the line, with W. H. Foster as mechanic.

Joe is progressive, and likes to see things just about right. He has achieved success as a Hamburg and Popcorn architect, and the improvement on his home speaks well for his enterprise. They do say however, that Joe would not be averse to accepting a life partner, that he has confided to his friends that this "single blessedness" is not what it is cracked up to be, and it is just possible that wedding bells may be the finale to all this activity.

DOINGS WITH EASTERN STAR

There will be a special meeting of Paw Paw Chapter O. E. S. next Tuesday evening, May 21. Five candidates will receive the beautiful degrees of the order at this time. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Alice Grimes and committee. Gobleville Chapter has extended an invitation for Paw Paw chapter to be their guests on Tuesday evening, May 28. All who can accept the invitation and go, please notify the secretary or Worthy Matron as early as possible.

COMING HERE JUNE 1ST.

Dr. Henry L. Charles has rented office rooms over the W. G. Ackley store and will occupy the same June 1st, 1912. The many Paw Paw friends of the doctor and his family will be pleased to learn that they are again to make Paw Paw their home.

HOME FOR A VISIT.

W. A. Prater came home from Iron Mountain last Friday, to spend a few days with his family and friends here. He expressed himself as well pleased with the work in which he is engaged. The northern climate agrees with him, and he is looking hale and hearty. He returned to his work on Wednesday.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

Will Smith formerly of Paw Paw committed suicide in the state hospital in Kala nazoo the first of the week. He had been in the institution for treatment for some time. He was a clerk in Avery's store here years ago, and will be remembered by many here.

PASTOR CONDEMNS LEAGUE CHAIN FAD

Mr. Editor:

A prayer chain is in circulation and has been in circulation in this vicinity for some time. It has now been some years since we first saw it. We are not aware of anyone who was ever helped in any direct way by copying it or of suffering ill by not doing so. The whole thing partakes of ignorance and fatalism. It suggests that it was written and circulated in the time of Christ's incarnation. This shows the ignorance of the writer—concerning the very limited number who could read and write at that time and the utter lack of any mail system. The prayer and descriptive letter can

SEEKS HONORS WAY OUT WEST

Former Van Buren County Lawyer Wants Office of County Attorney.

Van Buren county is not the only place where the political pot is boiling, or where the various candidates are in favor of the full enforcement of the laws. The Daily Pioneer, a newspaper published at Alva, Oklahoma, contains the following announcement, from an attorney who was formerly a resident of South Haven, and well known here.

"I hereby announce that I am a candidate on the democratic ticket for County Attorney, upon the condition that I am favorably received at the democratic primaries to be hereafter held. I desire to further announce that it is my belief that all laws should be vigorously enforced without discrimination, and should it be my fortune to be elected to this office, I desire to say to the people that the office of County Attorney will be a live one at all times, existing in fact as well as name."

W. G. Bessey."

HEADS FROM RARE ANIMALS

W. J. Thomas received a fine specimen of a cow caribou's head from New Foundland the first of the week. R. W. Smith, the crack taxidermist is engaged in mounting the specimen. Mr. Thomas already has a fine head mounted of the bull caribou and when finished this will make an elegant pair of this rare animal. It might be supposed that the cow caribou had no horns. Such is not the case however. While their horns are different in shape and not so large as the bull's horns yet they are fine and as large as a good size buck deer's horns.

ALL DOING WELL.

The Arapahoe Herald of Littleton, Colorado, in its issue of May 4, contains the following news item which will be of interest to the readers of The True Northerner:

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abernathy, a son, on Thursday, May 2. All doing well, even Grandpa Park."

WORD FROM DR. CURTIS.

The professional card of Dr. W. L. Curtis, formerly of this place and now of Benton Harbor will be found in this issue. Dr. Curtis now specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat only, and is having wonderful success in the treatment of these diseases.

JOINT DEBATE WON BY THE VISITORS

Hartford Gets Decision of Judges in Debate on Question of Right of Women to Vote in Michigan

The Hartford debating team met the representatives of the Paw Paw high school in joint debate last Tuesday evening. The question was, "Resolved, That the Right of Suffrage Should be Extended the Women in Michigan." Hartford selected the affirmative and Miss Agnes Cagney, Miss Florence Howe and C. A. Whitcomb took the negative. The subject was well handled on both sides, but the judges, Glenn E. Warner, Mr. Foster and Miss Helen Clapp, were unanimous in the opinion that Hartford was entitled to the honors.

TEAMS FIGHT FOR POSITION

Merry Scramble Among High Schools for Base Ball Supremacy.

There is a strenuous strife among the various high school base ball teams in the county in the preliminary games to determine who shall play for the cup on Field Day. It now looks as though it might be either Bloomingdale or Hartford in the western division, while Lawton seems to have a shade the better of the argument in the eastern division. The game at Hartford last Saturday between Hartford and Lawrence resulted in a victory for Hartford by the score of 4 to 3. It was called at the close of the fifth inning, Belden Say, shortstop on the Lawrence team, having broken an ankle in sliding to second.

There was much bitter feeling resulting from the game, it being claimed by Lawrence that unfair decisions and roughness gave the visitors the worst of it. The True Northerner hasn't heard the other side of the story, but it is said that Lawrence will protest the game.

LADIES' NIGHT NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

Next week Wednesday evening, May 22, will occur what is known as "Ladies' Night" of the Fellowship Club. This will be the closing event of this popular club until next fall. The Maple City club rooms will be the place of meeting, and it is expected that every member will be present and help to make the ladies glad they are there. The reception committee will be President and Mrs. J. W. Free, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller.

SENATORS WILL BE UNDER PRIMARY LAW

The National House of Representatives passed a joint resolution last Monday providing an amendment to the constitution to permit the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. It had already passed the senate. When the president signs the measure it will then be submitted to the various states for ratification. If ratified by a two thirds majority of all the states of the union, it will then become an amendment to the constitution.

MISTLETOE BOUGH SUCCESS

The Mistletoe Bough, a musical pantomime was played by local talent at the opera house last Friday and Saturday evenings. The performance gave universal satisfaction as far as the writer has been able to ascertain. A heavy rain kept many away on the last night, but the attendance was good on both nights. Miss Ethel Fox directed the play and is entitled to much credit for the success of the entertainment.

NEW FLAG AT COURT HOUSE.

A beautiful new flag has been purchased for the dome of the court house. County Clerk Cross and Treasurer Stoughton were the purchasing committee.

CALLED HOME BY ILLNESS.

Mrs. Herbert Welch of Racine, Wis., was called home on account of the illness of her father, James McLeod. She remained about ten days. She reports Racine a bustling city. The J. J. Case plant employs 7,000 men.

INSIDE HISTORY OF RECENT WAR

Hon. E. H. Harvey is Reminiscent Before the Fellowship Club.

WAS IN TWO HISTORIC RAIDS

Member of Cavalry Under Fitzpatrick and Sheridan. Lost Leg at the Battle of Cold Harbor.

The last regular meeting of the Fellowship club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Free last Wednesday evening. It was a rainy night and the attendance was small, but nevertheless it was one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. The vocal numbers were furnished by Blaine Warner and Larue Mosier with Mrs. Sellick at the piano.

The literary feast of the evening was an address or rather a reminiscence by Hon. E. H. Harvey. This talented gentleman is a gifted speaker and never fails to please, and on this occasion he appeared at his best. Mr. Harvey was a soldier in the civil war, and his address consisted of reminiscences from his own personal experience in that great struggle, recited in that masterful and interesting manner so characteristic of the speaker.

Mr. Harvey enlisted as cavalryman at the opening of the war. He was but 16 years of age, but served with honor and distinction until the battle of Cold Harbor, or just prior to that time, when a Minnie ball from the gun of a rebel soldier fired at a distance of not more than 20 feet shattered the thigh bone of his leg and kept him in a hospital from the latter part of May until early November of that year. It was a miracle that he ever left the hospital alive. Seven out of eight who went to the hospital at the same time with him with shattered limbs died. The presence of his father, however, who came after all hope had fled, gave the boy new hope and he won the fight.

Mr. Harvey took part in the celebrated Kilpatrick and Sheridan raids and was through the battle of the Wilderness. A recital of these historic features of the great struggle by one who was there and in the thick of the operations was intensely interesting. Not even after such a recital of one's personal experience can one realize, unless he be a soldier, what it meant to be on the field of battle in the thick of the conflict or to participate in the long dreary march night and day without sleep or shelter. A grateful republic today honors the memory of the boys in blue who made such sacrifices to preserve the stars and stripes an unsullied and untarnished emblem of liberty.

Mr. Harvey is one who knows what all these things mean, and it is a pleasure to hear the story from his own lips.

The last meeting of the club for the year will be "ladies' night" at Maple City hall Wednesday evening, May 22.

KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC CAR

Gobleville Man Well Known Here Meets an Untimely Death.

Albert J. Lamberson, aged 57, a well known citizen of Gobleville was killed while crossing the M. U. R. tracks three and one-half miles east of Kalamazoo last Monday. He was visiting at the home of a relative. Early in the morning he started to look around the place and in crossing the tracks which run quite close to the barn, was struck by a limited car and instantly killed. He was quite deaf and did not hear the approaching car. His mangled body was carried some distance under the car before it was stopped.

Deceased was a retired farmer, and lived in the village of Gobleville. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

NO FROST YET.

The weather the first of the week made fruit growers a little fearful. A frost had been predicted and the temperature for several nights was near the freezing point. Up to this time, however, there has been no frost and the outlook for fruit was never better.

CROWNING SOCIAL EVENT.

The Fischer Leap Year party will be held at the opera house this Friday evening. The ladies having the arrangements in charge have worked faithfully and without doubt this will be the crowning social event of the year.